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7SAYS 'UNSPOKEN BLACKMAIL' USED AGAINST CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) - FUGITIVE EX-CIA AGENT FRANK TERPIL SAYS HE AND FORMER AGENT EDWIN WILSON GOT CIA PERSONNEL AND CONTACTS FOR THEIR SUPPLY MISSIONS AND TERRORIST-TRAINING IN LIBYA BY USING 'UNSPOKEN BLACKMAIL.'

IN AN INTERVIEW TELEVISED MONDAY NIGHT BY THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE, TERPIL ALSO SAID: 'WE HAD PEOPLE BESIDES CIA EMPLOYEES; WE HAD ACTIVE DUTY SPECIAL FORCES PEOPLE.' HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, MENTION ANY NAMES.

'WILSON AND MYSELF COLLECTIVELY HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE ON CURRENT AND PAST OPERATIONS THAT WOULD PROVE TO BE OF GREAT EMBARRASSMENT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,' TERPIL SAID.

BUT, HE ADDED: 'THERE WERE NEVER ANY OVERTURES MADE TO THREATEN THE CIA; AT LEAST ON MY BEHALF - IT WAS AN UNSPOKEN BLACKMAIL.'

BOTH TERPIL AND WILSON ARE UNDER INDICTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ON CHARGES OF SUPPLYING LIBYAN LEADER MOHAMMAD KHADAFY WITH ARMS AND TRAINING SERVICES IN THE LATE 1970s.

PBS, IN ITS 90-MINUTE PROGRAM TITLED 'FRANK TERPIL: CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MAN,' SAID THAT TWO INTERMEDIARIES HAD APPROACHED THE WHITE HOUSE AND SENATE WITH AN OFFER FROM TERPIL TO TRADE HIGHLY SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON STATE DEPARTMENT, WHITE HOUSE AND CIA OFFICIALS FOR A REDUCTION IN HIS SENTENCE.

DALE PETERSON, THE CIA'S SPOKESMAN, WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT AFTER THE BROADCAST. THE PERSON WHO ANSWERED HIS HOME TELEPHONE SAID HE WAS SLEEPING.

TERPIL SAID IN THE INTERVIEW THAT THE OPERATION HE RAN WITH WILSON 'WAS USEFUL TO THE CIA BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE THEM KNOWLEDGE' OF KHADAFY'S PLANS.

PBS SAID THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN BEIRUT, LEBANON LAST YEAR, BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN. TERPIL REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED ON NOV. 7 IN THE COMPANY OF THREE PURPORTED SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.

TERPIL AND ANOTHER ASSOCIATE, GEORGE G. KORKALA, WERE SENTENCED IN 1980 TO UP TO 56 YEARS IN PRISON AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO SELL MACHINE GUNS TO UNDERCOVER AGENTS POSING AS SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

BOTH WERE TRIED IN ABSENTIA AFTER JUMPING \$100,000 BAIL EACH.

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